

## Your Majesty

**T**his is an interesting form of address. It is not really a title like *Queen* or *Lord*. Nor does it identify a function ascribed to royalty, as does *ruler*. It refers to a status of excellence. It belongs to the position of royalty itself rather than the person in that position. Just what is majesty and why do we attribute it to some people? Originally people believed that royal individuals were descendants of the gods. This probably explains the notion of royal majesty. The readings for today's feast show that Jesus turned the ideas of kingship and royal majesty upside down.

The son of man in Daniel was a heavenly being upon whom "dominion, glory, and kingship" (7:14) were bestowed by God. The kingship of this figure is universal and everlasting. In the Gospels, Jesus frequently identifies with this title. When he does so, he is making a claim about his identity. The passage

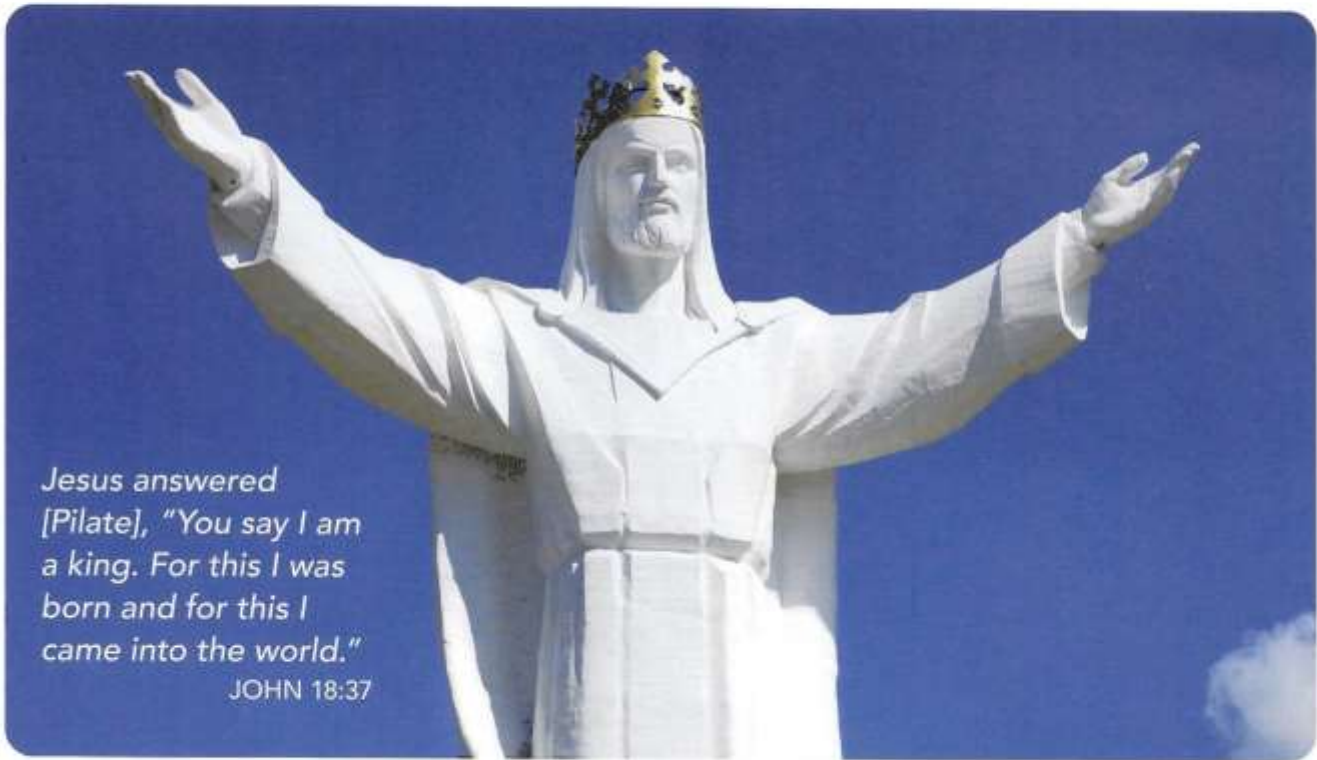
from Revelation depicts Jesus like this son of man, a heavenly being who comes "amid the clouds" (1:7) as "the ruler of the kings of the earth" (1:5).

In the Gospel scene, Jesus is interrogated about his identity. He insists that his kingship springs from love and service, not power and force. It's clear that his royal majesty flows from who he is, not from any political position he might hold. To call him king, as we do with today's responsorial psalm, was a very dangerous political statement for his early followers, for it claimed that Jesus is Lord, not Caesar.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR Reflection

- ★ Do you think Jesus was naive about power politics? Why or why not?
- ★ What influence does Jesus exercise over your life as your king?



*Jesus answered  
[Pilate], "You say I am  
a king. For this I was  
born and for this I  
came into the world."*

JOHN 18:37

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 Wyoming Street, Bluefield, WV 24701



## Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9:00am–4:00pm, Friday 9:00am–12:00pm

Food Pantry Hours: Wednesday 10 am – 2:00 pm

CONFESSIONS: First Saturdays: 10:00-11:00am or by appointment

## November 20 & 21, 2021

### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

**Saturday, Nov 20 - 6:00 PM – Anthony Peretti by Peretti Family**

**Sunday, Nov 21 - 9:00 AM – Elizabeth Linkous by Mary Alice & Tim Arnold**

**Tuesday, Nov 23 - 12:00 – Bill Peters by Joseph & Pamela Mundo**

**Wednesday, Nov 24 - 6:00 PM – Pacifico Oliveros & Cornelia Collazos by Martha Oliveros**

**Saturday, Nov 27 - 6:00 PM – Eugene Cassell by Peretti Family**

**Sunday, Nov 28 - 9:00 AM – Aldo & Clara Lijoi by Vicky Lijoi & Kids**

SATURDAY, SUNDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FIRST FRIDAY MASSES  
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SUNDAY THRU FRIDAY MASSES ARE AVAILABLE ON  
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Tuesday at 6pm, Thursday at noon, and First Friday at noon.  
Weekend Masses remain Saturday at 4pm and Sunday at  
11am. All are livestreamed with the exception of Saturdays  
and open to the public



**November 21 – Second Collection - Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

**November 24 – 6 pm Thanksgiving Mass (Bluefield)**

**November 25 – 10 am Thanksgiving Mass (Princeton)**

**November 25 & 26 – Thanksgiving – Office Closed**

**November 28 – First Sunday of Advent**

**December 3 – 6 pm First Friday**

**December 8 - 6 pm Immaculate Conception (Holy day of Obligation)**

**Christmas Eve – 4 pm & 7 pm**

**Christmas Day – 9 am**

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# Happy Thanksgiving

***"Serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful singing. . . . Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name. For the Lord is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations" (Psalm 100:2, 4-5).***

Grace and peace to you, Sacred Heart family of faith. As we prepare for the holiday of Thanksgiving this year, I invite you to consider a simple but powerful word, **THANKSGIVING**. The definition of *thanksgiving* is the expression of gratitude, especially to God. We give thanks to the Lord, for He is GOOD! Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father; let us not neglect to give thanks to the God from whom all blessings flow. Since thanksgiving is the expression of gratitude, how do we properly give thanks to God?

- First, we can give thanks by saying it or singing it to God - feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it. May each one of us take a moment this Thanksgiving to reflect upon God's goodness. Let us express to God how thankful we are for every blessing he has bestowed upon us such as: your family, for the continued health of your family members and yourself, for friendship and the people God has put in your life, and for God's provision, presence, and protection.
- A second way to give thanks is to share it with others. May we have the love, courage, and gratitude for talking about God's goodness with our family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers.
- The third way to give thanks to God is by blessing others in need. "Whatever you did for the least of these, you did it unto me." (Matthew 25:40). Let us remember it is not all what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, that is the true measure of our thanksgiving. I encourage you to come together as a family and discuss ways you can give to others. Share your blessings!

We are called to give thanks to God in all circumstances. Our gratitude to God should not fluctuate and change based on the circumstances we are going through in the current moment. At times, we may feel like what we are experiencing is very trying and challenging. It may be hard to be thankful, but even as we go through these challenging times, we should be thankful to God and understand he walks with us in every situation. May we be thankful for what we are and what we have. May gratitude and thanksgiving abound perpetually in our hearts and on our tongues!

I pray that this Thanksgiving is one of tremendous appreciation to God for His bountiful blessings in your life. I am thankful to God for each of you! It is a joy and a privilege to be your Pastor. Together, may our service to the Lord "overflow in many thanksgivings to God!"

Prayerfully,

Father Sebastian

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## *Faith Formation 2021-2022*

*Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed*

**Our Zoom meeting class schedule each Sunday is as follows:**

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Grades K, 1, and 2 ~ 10:30 – 11:00am

Grades 3-4 ~ 11:15 – 11:45am

Grades 5-7 ~ 12:00 – 12:30pm

Grades 8-9 ~ 12:45 – 1:15pm

### **Dates for the rest of 2021:**

November 21 ~ Zoom Sessions

November 28 ~ **NO** Faith Formation zoom session for Thanksgiving Holiday

December 5, 12 ~ Zoom Sessions

December 19, 26 ~ **NO** Faith Formation zoom sessions for Christmas Holiday

January 2 ~ **NO** Faith Formation zoom session for New Year's Holiday



**The RCIA Team** is seeking individuals interested in joining the Catholic faith. Come on a journey with us to Catholicism. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is the process for welcoming new members. RCIA will meet again on Wednesday Dec 1, at 4pm. It is not too late to begin the sessions. If you know someone who may want to start the process this fall, please give their name to Claire Lampert at 304-921-2455 or Julia at 304-327-5623.

### **Survivors of all forms of abuse across the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston are invited to attend a special retreat entitled, “The Way.”**

The Way is 3-day guided meditation and prayer program for men and women crafted around the Stations of the Cross. It is an opportunity for healing and prayer and for survivors to reflect on God's plan for their lives through prayer and sacraments. There will be opportunities for individual counseling and spiritual direction. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington, the retreat is free of charge and will be held November 19-20, 2021, for men and February 18-20, 2022, for women. The location of the retreat is not being publicized to protect the privacy of survivors.

For more information on the retreat, visit <https://adw.org/the-way-retreat>. To learn more and to register, please contact Deborah McDonald at [mcdonaldd@adw.org](mailto:mcdonaldd@adw.org) or 301-853-4466.

**Lectors!** 2022 lector books are in the back of the Church. Please pick yours up today. Anyone interested in being a Lector, please contact Julia Harrison at [julia@sacredheartblfd.org](mailto:julia@sacredheartblfd.org). Thank you!



Catholic Charities  
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## Blessing Bag Project

CCWV is currently seeking donations to assemble cold weather blessing bags

### Items Needed:

SCARFS	HATS
GLOVES	SOCKS
HANDWARMERS	LOTION
MASKS	COUGH DROPS
TISSUES	HAND SANITIZER
NON-PERISHABLE SNACKS	

If you'd like to participate, please contact us:

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*Let us Pray,*

Use me God,  
show me how to give generously,  
pray purposefully, and serve joyfully  
for a purpose greater than myself.

*Amen.*

*Giving Tuesday*



# GIVING TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 30, 2021

*Give the gift that enlivens your parish and  
shines light in the lives of Catholics across WV.*



*Together we can serve as a light for all to see!*



## ADVENT TAIZÉ SERVICE

A Service of:



Song – Prayer - Reflection

Sunday, November 28, 2021

6:00 pm

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Princeton, WV

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	weekend Nov 13-14	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	4,120.00	198,846.59	199,000.00
Maintenance	20.00	6,207.00	7,200.00
Loose Offertory	105.00	9,992.00	8,500.00
<b>Total Offerings &amp; Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 4,245.00</b>	<b>\$ 215,045.59</b>	<b>\$214,700.00</b>
Food Pantry	889.00	62,032.49	
Retirement Fund for Priests	1,000.00	2,313.00	
Attendance:	6pm:	9am: 48	

### Catholic Campaign for Human Development November 20 & 21

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in eight people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

### Giving Birth to Jesus: What Mary Can Teach Us.

A ZOOM retreat presented by Sr. Cheryl Clemons, OSU.  
The retreat will be held Friday/Saturday, December 3-4, 2021.

During this hectic season, you are invited to spend some time remembering the first Christmas and reflecting on the on-going call to bring Jesus into the world of our day. Using the writings of Caryl Houselander, especially *The Reed of God*, retreatants will be invited to reflect on how Mary, Jesus' biological mother, can serve as a helpful guide and companion as we seek to respond to this call from God. Donation \$70.00. If interested, please email WVIS at [wvisreg@gmail.com](mailto:wvisreg@gmail.com) or call our office at 304-345-0926 or you can register directly at: <http://wvis.org/wvis-retreats/>.

## Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24 ~ 4pm at Bluefield and Princeton

December 24 ~ 7pm at Bluefield

December 25 ~ 12 Midnight at Princeton

December 25 ~ 9am at Bluefield

December 25 ~ 11am at Princeton



Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
Bluefield, WV

**Please Pray for:**

**Parishioners:** George Aiello Sr, Jeanne Ameli, Nick Ameli, Linda Angelelli, Peggy Austin, Stephanie Blevins, Loretta Carrigan, Bruce Cerny, Ron Ciccolini , Tony Colobro, Cathy Cook, Donella Crigger, Victoria Crofcheck, Teresa Derenge, Fran Derenge, Louis Eller, Alex and Joanne Ercoline, Angie Genovesi, Katie Goodwin, Mary Claire Keenan, Susan Kerr, Daniel Kirk, Kathy Kirk, Rick & Tommie Jo Longworth, Tracy Lyon, Fr. Greg Lyttle, Harold Mabardy, Sue Mazol, Mary McGonagle, Aalannah McPeak, Annette Morgan, Shane Neal, Ernesto Pascasio, Barbara Pickett, Nancy Pochick, Tommy Pochick, Nancy & Dr. Anthony Rasi, Jerry Rasi, Johnny Rasi, Kathy Richards, Mosie Rocchetti, Virginia Shumate, John Stacy Sr., Ann Switch, Joe Thomas, Jason and Clay Thomason, Patricia Zande, Kara Zande and Analeigh Dawn, Joan Zingale

**Homebound Parishioners:** Sam Gattuso, Dolores Pritchett, Dina Rasi, Mosie Rocchetti, Theresa Soulis

**Friends & Family:** Andrew Arczynski, Jeffery Arkland, Robert Below, Mike Blanton, Maggie Blankenship, Cara Blankenship, Allison Bowling, Donald Bowles, Chris Buckner, Irene Carey, Zac Carter, Sandy Cassidy, Sandy Chasse, Irene Charney, Michelle Coker, Chuck Comer, Lisa Dalton, Rachael Denton, Christina Easton, Virgil Ellison, Mike Farmer, Tina Fitzgerald, Phil Gesotti, Larry Gillem, Lori Hale, Becky Harris, Loretta Hedrick, Alexis Herald, Alpha Jean Holly, Shannon Honaker, Jim & Marsha Houchins, Josh Husband, Sherry Khatib, Sandy Kegley, Donita Karras, Melonie Koch, Charlotte Kohlmeyer, Zoe Kotsko, Michael Kovach, Dawn Lawless, Elaine Lilly, James & Pam Linkous, Jaysen, Marshall, Kim & Doug Miller, Scott Morris, Jane Murphy, Ane Montarroyos, Chris Froy, Breanna Mooney & Avett Froy, Scott Morris, Shane Neal, Jonny Phillips, Tripp Ramsey, William Ray, Mayra Rolon, Charles Rose, Brian Richard, Dominick Romeo, Mariam Salaita, Grace Salas, Brittany Scott, Courtney Shade, Raymond Shumate, Leanna Smith, Brandon Stowers, Adam Stuart, Laurie Stuart, Teresa Taylor, Evelyn Turnbough, Robert Shade, Ellie Spencer, Larry & Hilda Sutphin, Terry Thomas, Cathleen Underwood, Jane Walthall, Nicoletta Wanja, Tom Welch , Charlotte Woolwine, Virginia Wyatt

- **The First Lector listed, please read the First Reading and the Intercessory Prayers.**
- **The Second Lector listed, please read the Second Reading, The Prayer of Spiritual Communion to the live streamers (only at 9am Mass), and the Announcements.**
- **For those Masses where only one Lector is listed, please read all the above.**

November 2021 Ministry Schedule						
Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary	Altar Server	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Hospitality
11/20 - 6 pm	Patti Peretti	Deborah Butler	Dave Kelley	Feelesha Moran	Patti Peretti	John Monaco
			Davey Kelley	Maria Zalduondo		
11/21 - 9 am	Greg & Callie Winfrey	Cheri Mulkey	Hadley Wills	Randy Albert	Carol Havens	Ron Ciccolini
			Madison Rebuck	Theresa Bales		
11/24 - 6 pm Thanksgiving M	Patti Peretti	No Rosary	Stephanie Copolo	Ron Ciccolini	Cynthia Stacy	Steve Copolo
			Marissa Copolo	Feelesha Moran		
11/27 - 6 pm	Patti Peretti	Feelesha Moran	Anthony Peretti	Deborah Garton	Cork Hudak	Ida Pascasio
			Eli Peretti	Cork Hudak		
11/28 - 9 am	Claire Lampert	Mary Malamisura	Rhys Aiello	Carey Ott	Cynthia Stacy	Bob Buzzo
			Ethan Aiello	Claire Lampert		

# Dear Padre,

**Why does the Church continue to use the image of a king to describe Jesus? He didn't act like a king or expect his followers to treat him like one.**

**H**ereditary kings ruled most nations in the ancient Near East. In Egypt, the king was actually recognized as a god. In Israel, God was considered the one true king, and God's covenant was the treaty that united God and the people.

But the time came when the Israelites thought they needed to strengthen themselves militarily and politically. Then the elders came to Samuel and asked him to appoint a king to govern them like other nations (1 Samuel 8:5). The three great kings of Israel (Saul, David, and Solomon) were considered instruments of God but were also subject to existing legal codes.

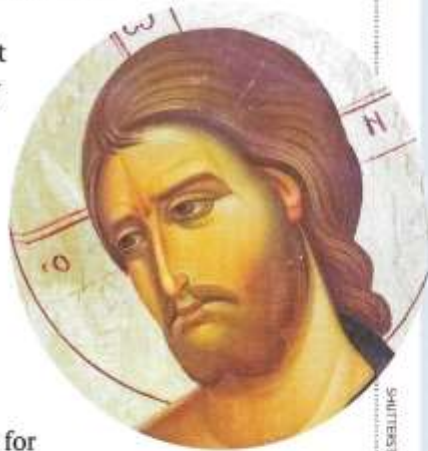
Throughout the New Testament runs the theme that Jesus, a descendant of the royal Davidic line, is a ruler or king. The Magi first proclaimed Jesus king, saying they were looking for the "newborn king of the Jews" (Matthew 2:2).

At the heart of Jesus' message was the good news that all people could enter the kingdom of God if they rejected sin. Jesus used the parable of the mustard seed (Mark 4:30-32) to show that his kingdom will grow until everyone can be embraced within its branches. This kingdom, first manifested in simplicity and love in the Galilean countryside, is to reach its fulfillment in a great love among all people. Jesus as king is an image that should lead us to recognize our commitment to love and service to others in his kingdom.

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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Jesus asks us to allow him to become our king....But we must not forget that Jesus' kingdom is not of this world. He will give new meaning to our life—at times even put us to difficult tests through our mistakes and our sins—merely on the condition that we not follow the logics of the world and of its "kings."*

ANGELUS, NOVEMBER 25, 2018

## Calendar

### Monday

NOVEMBER 22  
St. Cecilia,  
Virgin and Martyr  
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20  
Lk 21:1-4

### Tuesday

NOVEMBER 23  
Weekday  
Dn 2:31-45  
Lk 21:5-11

### Wednesday

NOVEMBER 24  
St. Andrew Dũng-Lac,  
Priest, and Companions,  
Martyrs  
Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17,  
23-28  
Lk 21:12-19

### Thursday

NOVEMBER 25  
Weekday  
Dn 6:12-28  
Lk 21:20-28

### Friday

NOVEMBER 26  
Weekday  
Dn 7:2-14  
Lk 21:29-33

### Saturday

NOVEMBER 27  
Weekday  
Dn 7:15-27  
Lk 21:34-36

### Sunday

NOVEMBER 28  
First Sunday of Advent  
Jer 33:14-16  
1 Thes 3:12-4:2  
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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